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Dr. Daniel C. Murchie, late of Henniker, New Hampshire, who is in search for this paper.

Dr. G. W. Adams, late of Albany, New York.

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Dr. E. W. Whipple, late of Providence, Rhode Island.

Dr. H. W. Jenkins, late of Winton, N. C., &c.

OUR WEEKLY POSSessions.

On Saturday last we presented a number of visitors again in its columns.

We had, last week, to record a truly melancholy and afflictive occurrence in a sister State; we have today the particulars of a disastrous event in our own. Where, a few days since, all was peace and quietude, the visit of calamity has

been followed by scenes of the most extreme.

The first intelligence of the conflagration in Pittsburg fell like a thunder-clap upon our city.

Getting bruised, abraded upon the Sabbath, the news of a calamity so serious and unexpected, broke up the quiet of that day, and naturally and necessarily diverted the thoughts of all who heard it, from more peaceful topics. But as it was, the common sense magnified it far beyond its actual extent, and people went abroad on Monday, prepared to hear intelligence of much greater evil than awaited them.

We are gratified to find the public, in the immediate scene of the conflagration, as well as here, looking the worst manfully in the face, and determined to meet it with the spirit of which, with heart and will, he can readily repair. The enterprising genius of our people will not suffer them long to be depressed by any calamity, ordinary or extraordinary. The ready hand of friendship will promptly extend—and at first, too—hands with hearts in them!—and something more tangible also, if less permanent.

The first intelligence of the conflagration we have drawn upon the best and most reliable source, preferring official accounts, and giving the documentary matter drawn from the Councils of Pittsburg and the Executive of the State. It is a subject which will be referred to for many a year as marking an epoch. Long may it be before a similar event will affect any town or city in our country, to displease the public with Pittsburg at its great conflagration.

On our outside the reader will notice that the good Schoolmaster of Danfield, has at length recovered from his long illness.

Aunt Letty is coming to the last.

She could find it in her heart to be as callous as a certain very good sort of a man, we cannot conceive—but women will be women, and Aunt Letty, no doubt is right.

The Sea Sketch will be read with interest by all who have made the passage "Northward," and, we trust, by all others who have any taste for nautical sketches.

TALKING TELEGRAPH.

Telegraphic communication, by electricity, is yet in its infancy. More wonders are to be done by it than we can have a notion of.

An amusing meditation of Professor Morse's Telegraph, by which it articulates sounds or the elements of words as well as to record the letters. The letters used are those of Morse, and they are made audible by a pipe sounding in the moment during the time of a dot or line received. The vibration of a wire strikes beneath the sounder, and the pipe is caused to vibrate, interrupting the current in the circuit of the letter.

Indeed, the Telegraph exhibited will register the words on paper at the same time that the pipe is sounding to voice while the style is marking the revolving reel. Thus it will both speak and write at the same time.

With this thing done, the understandings communicated may be made intelligible to a large audience, provided they understand the alphabet, which becomes a kind of monogram music; the short lines or dots being represented by short notes, and the longer ones by tones more protracted. Imagine a large audience in this city, hearing the election news from New Orleans within five minutes after the returns are closed, and sending back three times as fast by telegraph.

ARTIFICIAL ARM.

In our issue of the Saturday post, made by Dr. Samuel H. Bean, of this city, published in the Post of last week, we made out or two accidental errors, which it is perhaps as well to correct. The Dr.'s invention was not examined by a Committee of the American Institute, but by a Surgical Committee.

In speaking of his improvement, we said that it is an improvement upon the type of Committee

of the Artificial Arm.

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ARTIFICIAL DOOR.

This accomplished Electrokinetic, whom we send to claim as a Philadelphian, has been for some years resident in Boston, where he has received the highest testimonies of the estimation in which he is held, as a gentleman, as well as a Professor of Education. We consider him to be a man of a certain education in the United States, and we trust him to carry his talents to this country, where his friends will be delighted to see him, and the public generally will be glad to see and hear.

THE LOST AT SEA.

The New York Express contains a list of shipwrecked vessels, which are now missing and supposed to be lost, forming an aggregate destruction of life and property almost without a parallel in the history of commercial enterprises.

Terrible Calamity.

GREAT FIRE IN PITTSBURG.

ONE THIRD OF THE CITY BURNED.

The reader will find below the full particulars which we have been able to collect, of a terrible calamity which last week befell the City of Pittsburg. The first period of excitement, however, has passed away, and the calamity has already subsided to the rapid spread of the flames. As an example of the lightning-like celerity with which the destruction proceeded, it is stated in the Pittsburgh Age that the whole of South Ward, containing from seven to nine hundred houses, was consumed in less than half an hour. From the centre of this Ward, another Wood Street, over, until it spread to every part of it, covering about sixteen squares, there was scarce an interval of half an hour. The Monongahela Bridge took fire at the North end, next to Pittsburg, and the flames ran racing and crackling through with railroad speed, and from the time the bridge was set on fire, the flames spread with such rapidity, that the bridge was soon a mass of burning coals. A gentleman who arrived at the Northern American Hotel, at 10 o'clock, leaving his trunk, walked out to see the fire, which was then nearly a quarter of a mile off. In a short time he returned and found the hotel in flames. He lost his trunk with nearly all his clothing and papers, and a considerable sum of money.

The scenes which are now passing in Pittsburg, are terribly magnificent and awful.

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